

Appl. No.: 10/560,660
Amdt. dated October 26, 2006
Reply to Office Action of August 1, 2006

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please replace Drawing Sheet 1 with the attached replacement drawing sheet.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2006. Claims 1-9 are pending. Claims 1-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Claim 1 was also objected to based on informalities. In addition, the Abstract was objected to based on the use of legal phraseology. Finally, the Drawings were objected to for failure to label prior art figures appropriately.

Claims 1-9 have been amended herein to address the concerns raised by the Examiner, in both the rejections and objections. Specifically, proper antecedent basis is now provided for all claim terms, and all formalities have been addressed. As a result, and in light of the Examiner's comment that the Prior Art of record does not teach or suggest the invention of Claim 1, it is now believed that Claim 1, and all the claims depending therefrom (*i.e.*, Claims 2-9) are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

In response to the objection to the Abstract, a new Abstract eliminating all legal phraseology has been submitted herein. Also, in response to the Examiner's objections to the Drawings, replacement drawing sheets are submitted herewith which properly label prior art figures as such. Figure 1 has additionally been labeled as prior art. In light of these actions, it is now believed that all of the Examiner's objections have been adequately addressed.

CONCLUSION

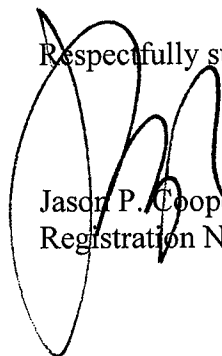
For at least the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of

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this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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